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REMARKS

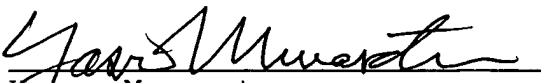
In the supplemental amendment, the applicant has added new Claims 26-37. Claim 26 is an independent claim created by combining the original Claim 1 and Claim 13. In the Office Action, the examiner stated that Claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, the invention defined in Claim 26 should be allowable. Claims 27-37 are dependent upon Claim 26. The limitations in Claims 27-37 correspond to that of original Claims 2-12, respectively.

Under the circumstances, the applicant believes that the present application is in the condition for allowance, and the applicant respectfully requests that the present application be allowed and passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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